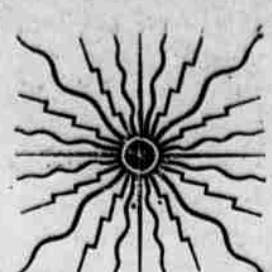
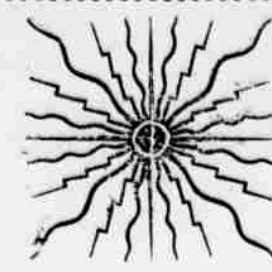


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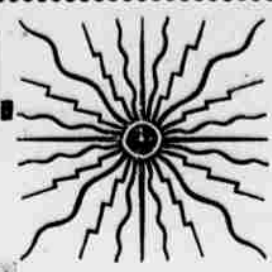


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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Congress convened Monday with 47 members over a quorum in the House of Representatives.

The President's message, which, on account of the new financial policy expected to be outlined therein, has been anticipated with interest and curiosity, was somewhat of a disappointment as to that feature. The message is lengthy, but is almost entirely a condensation of the reports of the heads of departments. An earnest protest against the sugar schedule of the tariff bill and a recommendation that it be remodeled is the only salient feature in the message outside of the commendation of Mr. Carlisle's new policy.

This new financial ideal is, according to Mr. Cleveland, the absolute divorce of the government from banking. The change should be from paper which consists of the government's debts to paper issued by the banks under government regulations. The banks which comply with these regulations are to be freed from Federal taxation, except a small annual tax for a safety fund. It is proposed, in this scheme, that all banks of issue shall be responsible for the failure of any one of them to redeem its notes. Such a precaution the President deems sufficient to insure the safety of the resulting circulation, and to render that circulation more elastic and much more economical than at present. It is designed to do away with the present necessity of a gold reserve to redeem treasury notes and the constant re-issuance of treasury notes to brace up the gold reserves. No question of the money standard enters into the scheme, that being to remain on the present gold basis until changed—if it ever is changed—by legislation.

There is little likelihood that the present Congress will take the matter up in earnest, the time before them being too short for the adequate discussion of a question on which there is sure to be much diversity of opinion and which challenges not a few vested interests.

The St. Louis *Republic* thinks our State criminal code could be revised within thirty days by a joint legislative committee composed of lawyers. Nonsense. The greatest stumbling blocks in the present system are the want of district attorneys and the laws governing continuances and changes of venue. It pays our lawyers to have a poor stick of a prosecuting attorney representing the State, as counsel on the other side usually wins the case. Then, continuances and changes of venue, etc., are the very meat on which very many of our lawyers are living. If we are to have a revised criminal code, it should be framed by men whose interests cannot be affected by any change for the better. A committee of farmers, advised by one or more good lawyers whose interests could not suffer, would be more likely to accomplish some good. As to that thirty days, it is more likely that at least a couple of sessions will be necessary to the accomplishment of anything.

In Chicago they have a Thieves' Mutual Benefit & Protective Association. That's business. There are lots of such associations in the country—only they don't call themselves by their proper names. What is Tammany but a thieves' benefit and protective association? What are many of the other municipal governments and police forces but just such associations in all but name? Every county in the United States that has a ring preying upon the taxpayers has a thieves' benefit and protective association of its own. The Chicago thieves deserve credit for their frankness, if for nothing else.

The Chinese have captured and killed a spy Frederick Villiers, the great war correspondent and artist of the London *Graphic*. He was one of the brilliant trio—Forbes, McGhan and Villiers—who made war records of world wide fame, and were a distinct factor in the trend of events of international importance. Their pens were as mighty as battalions in many instances. So there's another count against John Chinaman, and we hope the indemnity will ruin him, horse and foot.

The new issue of bonds was promptly subscribed, and oversubscribed. The interest will be 2 1/2 per cent when the premiums are deducted. The issue could, we believe, have been avoided, but the promptness with which the money has been subscribed shows how good the country's credit is, how much spare cash there is in the country and how senseless the late panic. Banker Stewart, who got up the syndicate that took the bonds, is said to be likely to pocket a cool million as his share of the deal.

IMMIGRATION to the United States is on the decrease while emigration from the United States is on the increase. Several causes are responsible for this change—the panic, the better enforcement of the laws regulating immigration and the consequent refusal of the steamship companies to carry undesirable immigrants. In view of the fact that a multitude of our people lack employment, this decrease in immigration is a good thing.

The irrepressible Andrew Carnegie has broken out in a new place, and says that he will spend all his money while alive, and that "the man who dies rich dies disgraced." Andrew knows that he cannot take any of his hoard along, so he is hog enough to want to blow it all in before he dies. He would have less to blow in if he would pay back to the country what his firm stole in the defective armor plate business, and would quit cutting the wages of his workmen.

We are in receipt of a copy of Hicks' almanac for 1895, with weather forecasts for the year, which we are forbidden to reprint. We never do reprint such rot, and we hope the prohibition will be heeded by other papers. Hicks knows no more about the weather than a turkey gobbler. The almanac, like its editor, is a fraud. We prefer the patent medicine variety.

It seems that there is a re-immigration of French Canadians from the United States to Canada. A Toronto paper estimates the number of returns at 40,000 since last May. Missionaries should be sent among these people to describe Southeast Missouri to them. They are desirable immigrants, and would do more than well in this section of the country.

Let a man take 300 acres of land and raise wheat. Let another take 60 acres and raise vegetables, chickens, eggs and butter. The latter will come out ahead of the former every time. Wheat will nevermore bring the old prices, unless something abnormal should happen. Outside of that one thing, farm products yield very fair returns.

The Republicans, not expecting to win, as they did in the recent election, nominated many of their candidates "just as a joke." Just as a joke, the stay-at-homes elected them. The result is no joke, however, for in both State and National legislatures we will have such aggregations of imbecility as will be a spectacle for gods and men.

The Secretary of the Agricultural Department, Mr. Morton, thinks that corn and not wheat will hereafter be the leading cereal of the country. He deprecates the present practice of sending out seeds at an annual cost of \$120,000, and advises a discontinuance of the practice.

It seems that we Americans will have to be saved from the outside. Recently England sent us a committee of male and female Mrs. Jellabys to investigate lynching in the South. They found nothing that had not been made public and nothing that would not have happened in England under like circumstances. Now comes Lady Hester Somerset et al in a crusade against the "living picture" nuisance. Granted that it is a nuisance, why need these reformers come to our shores to work when they could find abundance of material right at home in London? Reform, like charity, should begin at home.

The flouringmills all over the country are shutting down. What is the matter? Can't they run on "confidence"? The Republicans swept the whole country and "confidence" is going at a discount. Try some. It won't fatten, but it will make you feel mighty good, if you can get the genuine article.

JOSEPH MEDILL, editor of the Chicago *Tribune*, is a candidate for the U. S. Senate. If Illinois must choose a Republican Senator, we hope she will choose Joe. He is sound on tariff reform—much more so than are such Democrats as Gorman, Bristice, et al.

The present royal race of Japan has reigned over that country since 660 before Christ. The monarchs of Europe, with their pedigrees of yesterday, so to speak, are nowhere in it with the Mikado when family trees are in question.

The corn crop of the Southern States this year is estimated at 4,434,422,991 bushels, and exceeds in value the cotton crop of the year. Cotton is no longer king south of Mason and Dixon's line, it seems.

An utterly idiotic coroner's jury at Syracuse, N. Y., brought in a verdict exonerating prizefighter Fitzsimmons from all blame in the killing of Riordan. They called it an "accident," did these noodles.

To the Republicans who assert that the Democratic party is dead, we would commend Kipling's lines on Fuzzy-wuzzy:

"He's all hot and ginger when he's living
And he's generally shamming when he's dead"

The numerous "accidents" incidental to the game of football as it is played by our college teams are not elevating the game in the favor of a generation inclined to frown on the prize-ring.

It cost Coxey ten thousand dollars to be defeated in his race for Congress. Had he put that money into good roads—but it's too late now.

It could not have been the stay-at-home Democrats who defeated good roads in Missouri. Charge it up to the Republicans—they all voted.

TURKEY has excluded all American newspapers from her dominions. Is this in revenge for the turkeys we ate last week?

THE TRANSMISSISSIPPI Congress at St. Louis urged the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1.

PRICE DITCH, a saloon keeper at Crystal City station on the Bonne Terre R. R., was murdered on the 26th ult., and his saloon burned over him to conceal the crime. Some \$500 in cash and pay checks are known to have been on the premises. Three tramps are suspected.

The membership of the A. P. A. in Jefferson county is said by the editor of the De Soto Facts to be 1,146—all voters. Mr. Crow probably knows whereof he speaks. This accounts for the county's deplorable fall from grace.

Tom Allen has sold the Marble Hill Press to J. S. Hill. Tom's paper was too windy for the Bollinger

county folks and he complains that they didn't support it, but it is only another case of a man going into a business he knew nothing about.

Burglars entered a Marble Hill store on the night of the 27th ult., and stole \$120 worth of watches.

An attempt was made on the night of the 28th ult. to kill Dr. E. T. Anderson, a land owner living 15 miles south of Kennett. A shot was fired at him through a window at which he sat writing, but only a few stray pellets struck him.

Wm. Brown, a brakeman, was burned to a crisp in his caboose at Bismarck on the morning of the 29th ult. He slept in the caboose, and it is not known how it caught fire.

They have a gold cure of their own at De Soto, said to do all that the Keeley cure does.

The new mail train on the Iron Mountain will deliver newspapers along the Belmont branch by connection with the local freight at Bismarck. We should get the papers at noon.

All over Southeast Missouri the lumber business is on a boom. But we were told the new tariff would kill the lumber biz, and we are puzzled to account for the boom.

The railroad shops at De Soto are again running full time and taking on more hands.

Owl City is the name of a new town site on the Caruthersville railroad. It is named after the Kennett Owl club and, being beyond the county limits, the owls will fly thither when the town gets too hot to hold them.

The Hoffman Heading & Stave Co. of St. Louis may move to Bloomfield. The concern is a large one, and would be a big thing for that town.

Ripley county claims to be enjoying an immigration boom and Butler county reports a plenteous of new and prospective settlers.

The press of the Fourteenth District is roasting "Populist" Livingston. We hate to see a man hit when he is down, but Livingston's ingratitude to Arnold and his self-acknowledged lack of political principle make him a doubtful subject for sympathy.

More accounts of burglaries in the Southeast last week. Again we advise a sharp scrutiny of all tramping strangers.

A grand ball is to be given by the Daughters of the Confederacy at Cape Girardeau on the 27th inst., the net proceeds to go to the benefit of the Confederate Soldiers' Home at Higginsville, Mo.

The Cape Girardeau Building & Loan Association is twelve years old and prosperous.

Jasper Burks is at it again. He drew a knife on the prosecuting attorney in the circuit court at Farmington a few days ago, and was fined five dollars, which he refused to pay.

Cape Democrat: Dr. Brown informs us that he has lost ten head of fat hogs in the last week. He says he cannot account for the deaths, as the hogs seemed perfectly healthy up to a few hours before they died. He says their eyes color red as blood and the hogs drop over dead.

Caruthersville is to have a second newspaper—the *Pemisicott Press*, W. D. Schultz, editor.

A buzzard makes one of the regular corner loafers in Lotta. He took to this shiftless life voluntarily.

The Fraternal Mystic Circle has organized a Lodge in Charleston.

G. W. Burnham is at Mississippi county poor farm horribly and fatally burned. He was hunting and camping out, when his tent took fire and he was all but cooked alive.

Mrs. William Carter, of Festus, was bound, gagged and robbed by burglars on the 3rd inst.

Dr. Keyes, of Festus, went to St. Louis on the 1st inst., carrying \$3,400 to the bank, since when no trace of him has been found. Foal play is suspected.

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